

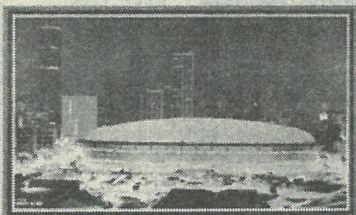
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# Gold and silver coin issues will celebrate '88 Olympics

By Roger Boye

**U**nCLE Sam will launch a massive coin program next year to mark U. S. participation in the 1988 Olympics.

Federal workers will produce up to one million gold coins—each with a \$5 face value—and up to 10 million silver dollars, according to legislation signed by President Reagan in late October.

“Not only will these coins commemorate American participation in the games, but they also will help raise badly needed funds for the training of our athletes,” said U. S. Rep. Frank Annunzio (D-Ill.) when he introduced the proposal in Congress last June.

Surcharges of \$35 per gold coin and \$7 per silver dollar are to go to the U. S. Olympic Committee for support of U. S. Olympic athletes and amateur athletic programs. A coin sell-out would raise \$105 million.

Under the law, coin marketing could begin as early as Jan. 1, 1988 and production must end by June 30, 1989. Prices have yet to be set, but collectors will pay for the cost of producing and marketing the coins plus the surcharges.

In 1982, Congress authorized the minting of three coin types to commemorate the 1984 summer Olympics in Los Angeles. Sales of those keepsakes netted nearly \$74 million for the U. S. Olympic Committee and the 1984 summer games; however, some experts doubt that the new program will do as well.

Hobby newspaper Coin World has noted that Canada and South Korea—host countries for the

1988 games—have had large Olympic coin programs under way for many months and that the United States will be getting a late start in the marketplace.

Meanwhile, the Senate banking committee has yet to act on a bill calling for the production of three coin types to commemorate the bicentennial of the U. S. Congress in 1989.

Special surcharges on the sale to collectors of copper-nickel half dollars, silver dollars and gold coins would be used to reduce the national debt.

● The Kennedy half dollar will make a comeback in 1988, according to reports in the hobby press.

U. S. Mint officials suspended production of most halves during 1987 because the government had a large supply of the little-used coins. But inventories have declined this year, thanks in part to demand from casinos.